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INFO AMCONGEN CALCUTTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: HARCOS AND FLETCHER

1. CONGEN CALCUTTA INFORMED US LATE JUNE 29 IT HAD SPOKEN WITH SUPERINTENDENT OF CALCUTTA JAIL THAT AFTERNOON WHO SAID HARCOS/FLETCHER WERE WALKING AROUND, "JOLLY AND CHEERFUL". THEY HAD NOT LOST MORE THAN 10 LBS AND ANALYSIS OF BOWEL MOVEMENTS SHOWED THEY WERE GETTING SOME NUTRITION FROM THE CONTINUED FORCED FEEDING AND THE TIMES THEY WERE TAKING VOLUNTARILY.

2. CONGEN WILL ATTEMPT TO GET ACCESS TO HARCOS/FLETCHER AGAIN BEFORE JULY 8 AND WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH CHIEF MAGISTRATE. PROBLEM MAY ARISE IN THAT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED ONLY FOR ACCESS BY CONSUL ANN SHERIDAN BUT CONSULATE GENERAL WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN DO SEE IF ACCESS BY ANOTHER OFFICER CAN BE GRANTED SOMETIME DURING THE COMING WEEK.

3. THE CONGEN HAS GUESSED THAT THE PRISONERS MAY CALL OFF THEIR HUNGER STRIKE IF A TRIAL DATE IS FIXED BUT EMPHASISES THIS IS ONLY A GUESS. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THEIR HUNGER STRIKE TACTIC HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND CONTINUE IT, BUT WITH NEW DEMANDS. CONSULATE EXPECTS LAWYERS TO HAVE SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION ON PRISONERS PLANS IN THIS RESPECT BY BEGINNING

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